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1. NEITHER POST NOR HONGKONG-BASED DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA PROGRAM CAN PREDICT EFFECT THAT REDUCTION OF \$4,000 WOULD HAVE ON PROGRAM. FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF TWO-WAY EXCHANGES HANDLED IN U S.

2. PERSONAL OPINION OF HK DIRECTOR CALIFORNIA PROGRAM IS THAT IF CUT IN NUMBER GRANTS IS MADE, IT SHOULD COME FROM SUPPORT FOR CHINESE STUDENTS. HE REPORTS THAT SUPPORT PROVIDED BY STATE FOR THESE THREE CHINESE STUDENTS IS SO SMALL THAT MANY ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IT WHEN IT IS TIED TO A J-1 VISA AS IT IS NOW. IN ADDITION TO STATE-PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR CURRENT YEAR, CALIFORNIA COULD HAVE PROVIDED 19 TUITION FREE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THEIR RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH CHINESE UNIVERSITY; HOWEVER, THEY WERE ONLY ABLE TO FIND 7 NEW RECIPEINTS, AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 ALREADY AT CALIFORNIA WERE GIVEN RENEWALS. FYI - EACH OF THE TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS IS WORTH ABOUT \$1900.

3. POST INCLINED TO SUPPORT VIEW THAT CUT SHOULD COME FROM SUPPORT FOR CHINESE STUDENTS. OTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE ABLE TO, AND MIGHT PREFER TO, INCREASE ITS PORTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN LECTURER, THEREBY MAKING AN ADDITIONAL \$4,000 AVAILABLE FOR POST'S IV PROGRAM ADVISE.

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